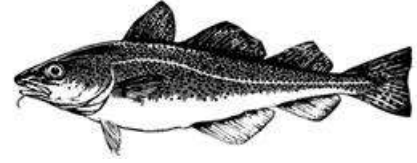


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**CLOSURE OF THE CHIGNIK AREA STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD JIG SEASON
AND OPENING OF THE PARALLEL PACIFIC COD JIG B SEASON
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The Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season will close to jig gear at 12:00 noon June 10, 2012 and the parallel Pacific cod B Season for jig gear will immediately reopen at 12:00 noon June 10, 2012 concurrent with the federal Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod jig gear sector B Season.

Vessel operators participating in the Chignik Area state-waters Pacific cod season must deliver their catch prior to participating in the parallel season. Pacific cod harvested during the state-waters season must be delivered within 48 hours of the June 10 closure.

All vessels must be registered with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game prior to participating in the parallel Pacific cod season. Registrations can be obtained in person or by FAX from the ADF&G office in Kodiak. Vessel operators must possess a Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission interim-use permit for mechanical jig or hand troll gear prior to registration.

For more information, contact ADF&G in Kodiak at 907-486-1840.